

City Council Meeting August 26, 2014

Present: Mayor Rose Hanser, Councilpersons John Williams, Tom Jankowski and Lawretta Miller

Absent: Councilperson Greg Koczur

Also Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Richards, Building/Planning Official Janet Morgan, Police Chief Cory Hert, Public Works Director Bryan Swan, Fire Chief Ryan Reid and City Attorney Gary Ryder

Mayor Hanser called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk/Treasurer Richards called the Roll Call.

Consent Agenda:

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Williams asked about Claim Numbers 19316 and 19329 and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards explained what those were for. Motion carried with all in favor.

- Minutes of 8/12/14 Regular Meeting
- Claims Roster 8/21/14
- June & July Financial Reports

Departmental Reports:

Reports were given by Police Chief Hert, Building/Planning Official Morgan, Fire Chief Reid, City Attorney Ryder, Public Works Director Swan and City Clerk/Treasurer Richards.

Carl Jackson of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson addressed the Woodrose Street Sewer Main Rehab Project that began two years ago. The main has been inspected via camera five times since February 2013 and passed inspection each time and no problems were found. The homeowner's service line needs to be inspected. There could be tree roots in the line or a possible break in the line. The city's sewer camera is too large to inspect the homeowner's sewer service line.

Mayor's Communications:

Last week mediators were here to meet with the two union representatives and city officials.

Mayor Hanser explained the process when a sewer backup occurs, the city's insurance carrier investigates the situation and determines whether the city is liable for any damages. The city also has a Goodwill Policy which allows some financial assistance to homeowners experiencing a sewer backup if they meet the requirements of the policy.

Public Comment and Participation:

Mayor Hanser opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 pm regarding the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget. No comments were received. Mayor Hanser closed the hearing at 7:31 pm.

Unfinished Business:

No motion was made to remove the Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy from the table due to the absence of Councilperson Koczur.

New Business:

Councilperson Williams moved to remove the \$25.00 turn on fee charged to Roy & Fay Matheny. Councilperson Jankowski seconded the motion. Public Comment: Fay Matheny of 3048 Cheyenne Drive was present to answer any questions. No other public comment was received. Councilperson Williams stated he recognizes the issues faced by the Mathenys, the \$25.00 is insignificant and removing the fee would assist them. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-R17 adopting the 2014-2015 budget. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. No discussion or public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-R18 setting the mill levy at 40.75 mills. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Jankowski commented that the increase in mill levy is related to the decrease in taxable valuation. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-R19 funding the Schoolhouse History and Art Center at \$6,672.17 per month. Councilperson Williams seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilperson Miller commented on the activities and events provided by SHAC and need to help keep it going. She feels they do a very good job. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilperson Jankowski moved to address the Tree Ordinance. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: Attorney Ryder explained someone would need to be in charge of enforcing the provisions of the ordinance. Mayor Hanser pointed out Section 4 of the ordinance states a contractor, planner or arborist will have those responsibilities. Councilperson Williams feels the ordinance should address the enforcement and feels the Public Works Department would be ultimately responsible. Attorney Ryder advised the ordinance could be changed to have a department of the City enforce the provisions of the ordinance such as the Public Works Department. No public comment received. Motion carried with all in favor. The ordinance will be prepared for first reading.

Administrative Matters:

The Solid Waste Special Assessments will be on the next agenda for discussion and review.

Councilperson Jankowski asked about the Goodwill Policy. Mayor Hanser stated it was tabled until Councilperson Koczur is present.

Councilperson Williams would like to review the water and sewer base rates being charged when the services are not being used.

The City Council went into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter at 7:50 pm. City Council returned from Executive Session at 8:10 pm.

Adjournment:

Councilperson Jankowski moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Hanser adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Michelle Richards, City Clerk/Treasurer

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